

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-43	Drawn to a water-soluble composition for removing petroleum residues from a substrate
II	44-104	Drawn to a method for removing petroleum residue from a substrate

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1 through 43, drawn to a water-soluble composition for removing petroleum residues from a substrate, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 44-104, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on claims 44-104.

REMARKS

Claims 1-104 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-104 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-43, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

Application Serial No.: 10/791,427

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

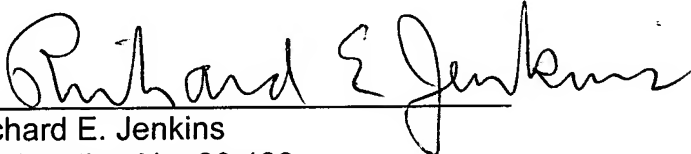
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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